

Ambler Road EIS - Agency DEIS Review Meeting

September 23, 2019 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

In Fairbanks: BLM-AK FDO Steese White Mountains Conference Room

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Please note: all discussions during cooperating agency meetings and products distributed to cooperating agencies should not be shared outside your organization. If you get a request from an outside entity about the Ambler EIS process, please direct them to the BLM's project manager, Tina McMaster-Goering 907-271-1310.

Agenda

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to review the draft EIS with agencies and to answer questions related to the analysis and documentation to aid the agencies in making comments on the draft EIS. The intention is not to have a forum to take comments orally. BLM requests formal agency comments on the DEIS to be in writing.

- Introductions
 - Safety/Building Logistics
 - Ground Rules
- Draft EIS overview
 - [[HYPERLINK "https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/alaska/AmblerRoadEIS"](https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/alaska/AmblerRoadEIS)] on 8/23/19 and NOA in the Federal Register on 8/30/19.
 - Changes between preliminary DEIS and published DEIS
 - Agency PDEIS Comments and Responses
- EIS review: Agency Questions/Discussion
 - Chapter 1 - Introduction
 - Chapter 2 - Alternatives
 - Chapter 3 – Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences
 - Appendices A-P
 - Maps
 - Chapter 1-3 Tables and supplemental information
 - Appendix H - Indirect and Cumulative Impacts Associated with the Ambler Road
 - Appendix L - Subsistence Technical Report
 - Appendix M - ANILCA Section 810 Preliminary Evaluation
 - Appendix N - Project Design Features, Best Management Practices, and Potential Mitigation

- Schedule
 - Comments due October 15, 2019
 - Next Cooperating Agency monthly meeting: November 5, 2019 from 1:00 to 2:00.

The following Ambler Road Draft EIS [[HYPERLINK "https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=11133"](https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=11133)] are scheduled:

- Sept. 10, 2019 | Anchorage, AK, 6-8 p.m. at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center
- Sept. 12, 2019 | Washington D.C., 5-7 p.m. at the Capitol Skyline Hotel
- Sept. 16, 2019 | Kotzebue, AK, 4-6 p.m. at the Northwest Arctic Borough Chambers
- Sept. 17, 2019 | Ambler, AK, 4-6 p.m. at the School Multipurpose Room
- Sept. 18, 2019 | Kobuk, AK, 4-6 p.m. at the School Gym
- Sept. 19, 2019 | Shungnak, AK, 1-3 p.m. at the Community Building
- Sept. 20, 2019 | Noorvik, AK, 3-5 p.m. at the School
- Sept. 23, 2019 | Fairbanks, AK, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Wedgewood Resort Borealis Ballroom
- Sept. 24, 2019 | Huslia, AK, 5-7 p.m. at the Community Hall
- Sept. 25, 2019 | Hughes, AK, 2-4 p.m. at the Community Hall
- Sept. 26, 2019 | Tanana, AK, 4-6 p.m. at the Community Hall
- Sept. 27, 2019 | Bettles/Evansville, AK, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Evansville Community Hall
- Sept. 30, 2019 | Stevens Village, AK, noon-2 p.m. at the Tribal Hall
- Oct. 1, 2019 | Allakaket, AK, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Community Hall
- Oct. 1, 2019 | Alatna, AK, 3:30-5 p.m. at the Tribal Office
- Oct. 2, 2019 | Anaktuvuk Pass, AK, 4-6 p.m. at the Community Hall
- Oct. 3, 2019 | Coldfoot/Wiseman, AK, 4-6 p.m. at the Wiseman Community Center
- Oct. 4, 2019 | Western Arctic Caribou Herd Communities Teleconference 2-4 p.m.**Contact Sasha Prewitt at [[HYPERLINK "https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=sprewitt@blm.gov"](https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=sprewitt@blm.gov)] or 907-644-2061 to ensure sufficient conference line capacity.*
- Oct. 8, 2019 | Noatak, AK, 6-8 p.m. at the IRA Building
- Oct. 9, 2019 | Selawik, AK, 6-8 p.m. at the Community Building
- Oct. 10, 2019 | Kiana, AK, 6-8 p.m. at the Community Building
- Oct. 11, 2019 | Buckland, AK, 6-8 p.m. at the Armory Building